

AMU INI KAMI: A WORD FORMATION PROCESS OF NOUN IN KAMAYO LANGUAGE, PHILIPPINES

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ABSTRACT

The fear of disappearance of the minority languages such as of the Kamayo language in Surigaodel Sur can be an interesting inquiry. Modern Kamayo of today is now heavily borrowing words and phrases from Bisaya, Filipino and English. This can be a sad reality when the danger of which people celebrate one's language at the expense of others. The researcher's eagerness to analyze the language of Kamayo which is in danger of extinction is therefore, deem significant in the preservation of such language; hence, this study is conceptualized. The study aims to analyze the word formation of the Kamayo language using the framework of morphological aspects of the language. The study specifically focuses on describing the word formation process of the Kamayo language in terms of nouns. This is a qualitative type of research which utilized a purposive sampling and conducted an interview in gathering the data. It was found in this study that there were eight-word formation processes in the Kamayo language, namely: blending, borrowing, coinage, clipping, inflection, reduplication, acronym, and compounding. The study further revealed that inflection is the most common word formation process found in the Kamayo language.

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